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REMARKS

Claims 41, 88, 123, 130, 134, 136, 138, and 141 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-35, 38, 40-49, 58-72, 77-79, 81-85, 88-97, 99, 100, 102-128, 130, 131, 134-136, 138, 141, and 151 are pending. Claims 2, 36-37, 39, 50-57, 73-76, 80, 86-87, 98, 101, 129, 132-133, 137, 139-140, and 142-150 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 3-35, 38, 40, 58-72, 77-79, 81-85, and 151 and the indication that claims 42-49, 89-97, 99, 100, 102-122, 124-128, 131, and 135 contain allowable subject matter (objected to).

Applicants have amended claims 41, 88, 123, 130, 134, 136, 138, and 141 to obviate the 112 rejections thereof and to place claims 41-49, 88-97, 99, 100, 102-128, 130, 131, 134-136, 138, and 141 in condition for allowance.

As best understood by Applicants, De Simone '207 is not directed to carpet tile, De Simone '207 is not directed to attached cushion broadloom carpet, and De Simone '207 is directed to low density recycled foam pad. It is believed that De Simone '207 is directed to making pad or underlayment for use with separate, unattached broadloom carpet rather than for making attached cushion broadloom (roll goods) and is in no way directed to making carpet tile.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 112 rejections are requested at this time.

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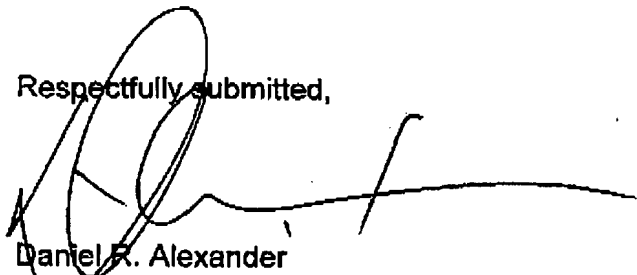
Conclusion

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully believe the present application to be in condition for allowance. In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, Applicants hereby authorizes the Commissioner to withdraw those fees from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

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